



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,
Welcome to the start of the Summer term! I hope you have all enjoyed a restful break. We have our first KS2 SATS for our very hard-working Y6 cohort, more inter-borough and -Trust competitions, a range of trips and visitors, learning reviews and exciting curriculum developments ahead. Today is also National Offer Day for our new Reception intake for September 2022; I think it is clear we should expect another jam-packed term ahead!

Claire Syms

Orchard Project

As I am sure you are aware, as a school we have been taking part in The Orchard Project for the last year and have already found out about the history of orchards, voted on which trees to plant, and actually planted our fruit trees and bushes. We also thoroughly enjoyed our inaugural Apple Day, with juicing, artwork and apple facts galore! Our final requirement for the project is that The Orchard Project come and deliver an adult training session at the school. This session will look at:

- vital tree aftercare and maintenance
- ideas for wider community involvement
- ideas for making curriculum links and using the orchard as a teaching resource

For this we would like as many people as possible to be involved so that we can share the knowledge of looking after our trees with our wider community and staff who are interested. As part of the Orchard Team there would also be a small commitment to watering and caring for the trees on occasion. We are looking to arrange this session as an after-school session. It is expected to last around 2 hours.

If you are interested in being involved with an official orchard in Hackney, and would like to help to inspire the nurturing of this amazing project, please leave your details with the school office in the first instance. We will be in touch once a date has been confirmed so that we can maximise our community involvement. Thank you!



School Photos

School photos are tomorrow, Wednesday 20th April. Please ensure all children are in full school uniform. Those children who have PE on Wednesdays should bring their PE kit in their school bag to change into. Thank you.



National Offer Day - Reception places September 2022

Congratulations to all our existing and prospective families who have been offered a place for our Reception September 2022 cohort! We are delighted to be able to resume our full transition timetable over the course of the Summer term and will be in touch with dates and details over the next few weeks. Welcome to the Halley family!

Staffing update

Mauricio Jimenez, our Site Manager, has decided to take early retirement to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation with his family. Mauricio has been with us since 2017 and has seen many changes over the years at the school. He is well-known amongst school staff for his sense of humour and practical jokes; we thank him for all his work and contributions, and wish him all the very best for his future endeavours! We are currently recruiting for a new site manager [here](#).

Second Hand Uniform

We have an excellent range of sizes and styles of second hand uniform, all of which is in very good condition and offered at bargain prices! As well as reducing the cost to parents, the second hand uniform shop supports our whole school aims to be a more responsible and sustainable organisation. If you would like any uniform items, please contact Tal. There will also be a second hand uniform sale in our school hall every half term, with refreshments available too! Come along on **Wednesday 27th April, between 3.30pm and 5pm**, to purchase any items you need. If you have any school uniform in good condition, please do donate any items to the school office. For families eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, there is a 50% discount on new uniform, and second hand uniform from the school is free. Please speak to school office staff or Tal if you have any questions about accessing the school shop.

Swimming

All year groups, from Nursery to Year 6, will be swimming in the Summer term this year. Due to availability at various pools in the area (and we are fortunate to have several to choose from!) all classes will be swimming at Britannia Leisure Centre, which has fantastic facilities. Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will all have weekly, 30-minute lessons for 10 weeks. These lessons start from **NEXT WEEK**. Please check communications from class teachers regarding preparations for your child/ren.



Years 4, 5 and 6 will all have an intensive fortnight of daily 1-hour lessons later this half term or during Summer 2. Full details will also be communicated by class teachers.

All year groups still need parent helpers, so please do offer support if you can! Thank you!

RECEPTION



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Kaleb

Inayah

Felix

Ayana-Faye



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

A: 86.9%

P: 96.9%

A: 93.3%

P: 97.5%

Ten Again!

The children in Comet Class have been continuing their work on numbers within ten, this time using ten frames.

They explored different combinations that totalled ten and recorded their calculations using number sentences!

Ask me at home if I can remember all of the different ways that you can make ten...



Eggs-cellent Work!

As part of our Outdoor Adventures session, and our end of term celebrations, the children in Comet Class took part in an Easter egg hunt at Butterfield Green.

Each child had to find the egg with their own picture on it!

It was great to see so much teamwork, with children helping each other find their eggs, or giving them clues or directions when they had spotted a friends! Well done everyone.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. This half term we are learning about life cycles. Thinking about the lifecycle of a chicken, what do you think came first, the chicken or the egg? Remember to give your reason why!

YEAR 2



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Arthur

Selah

Oscar

Archie



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

A: 90.3%

P: 87.2%

A: 90.5%

P: 96.9%

Curriculum Update

In maths we have been learning about fractions and finding fractions of quantities and shapes. We are now very confident using the star words relating to fractions including numerator and denominator. Soon we will be moving on to telling the time!

In RE, we finished our unit on Christianity by sequencing events from the Easter story and having an egg hunt!

We have now finished all our fencing sessions which we greatly enjoyed! This term we are looking forward to weekly swimming lessons and PE at Petchey! If you can join us for any of these sessions please do let the Year 2 team know.



Music

In our music lessons we have been exploring the seasons through music on Music Express. We learnt and performed a song called 'Round the Seasons' and learnt about vocal ostinato. We added body percussion and percussion instruments to our performance once we became confident.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Should 10 year olds have a mobile phone? Discuss reasons for and against.
2. Can you make a timetable of your daily activities? Note the time you do certain things like wake up and eat lunch. This will help with our new unit on time.

YEAR 3



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Hawking	Hakeely	Oscar	Samuel	Orlando
Herschel	Demi	Callum	Faith	Ishmael



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Hawking	A: 97.6%	P: 99.2%	A: 97.6%	P: 98.0%
Herschel	A: 92.0%	P: 100%	A: 89.3%	P: 98.5%

Science - Kew Garden trip

In Spring 2, Year 3 were exploring plants and the lifecycle of a plant. To extend our knowledge of the different types of plants/flowers, we went to Kew Gardens. We had our delicious lunch at a giant tipi, we explored the Hive, The Palm house and the Temperent. It was a fantastic day exploring a range of plants and finding out more about the layers of a rainforest!



Carbon Monoxide workshop

We had a visitor who came in to discuss and explain what carbon monoxide is, the effects it can have and how to keep safe. Children got involved by acting out various scenarios and discussing ideas on how to stay safe. They were extremely excited with the new alarm that was provided to take home.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. Is technology making our life better?
2. Is Youtube a good thing or a bad thing?

YEAR 4



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Josiah

Tsubame

Malachi

Julia



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

A: 95.4%

P: 97.8%

A: 99.1%

P: 97.2%

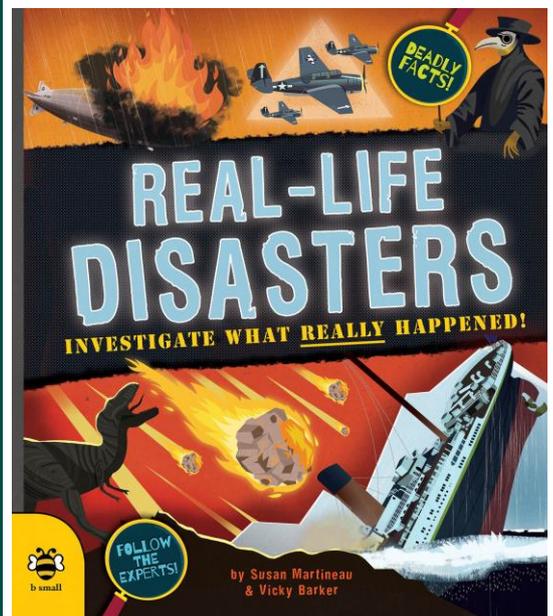
Curriculum Update:

The children loved reading our novel - Varjak Paw. This was a wonderful tale of friendship, adventure and personal growth through the eyes of a cat. Our new book for this term is called 'Real-Life Disasters', which is a non-fiction text about a range of real life disasters both natural and human.

Daily multiplication practise is strongly recommended to prepare yourself for our times table assessment in Summer 2.

Summer 1 updates -

1. PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday
2. Outdoor Adventures will continue on Wednesday afternoons
3. Swimming will take place in the last two weeks of the summer term in July



Summer 1

Our topic this term is 'Our Local Area'. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to gain a greater understanding of our local environment here in Hackney. What is our local history? How has Hackney changed over the years? Alongside these questions we will also be exploring different map-making skills.



Home learning debate and discussion



1. See Homework Passport (on the website)
2. Do you have or know someone with a long-term connection to Hackney? Interview them and find out how they think the area around our school has changed.

YEAR 5



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Ava

Kamden & Yen

Mya

Mekal



Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

A: 94.3%

P: 98.9%

A: 92.9%

P: 98.3%

Curriculum Update

Jemison absolutely loved their Spring 2 topic of 'Conflict'. At the end of the term, the children designed their very own propaganda posters. The children considered a range of messages the government would want to give, designed their own slogans and then put it all together in an attention-grabbing design!

"I enjoyed learning about rationing. We learned about how people had to live on small amounts of food. I think that people went through a lot during World War 2 - did you know that it was very rare to have oranges?" - Yen



Summer 1

Our topic for Summer 1 is 'Around the World in 80 Days'. We are beginning the topic by learning about the Windrush era, focusing on the story 'Coming to England'.

A dramatised version for CBBC is available on iPlayer.

"I am excited to learn about the Windrush era, as I know it had a big impact on Hackney!" - Tiannah



Home learning debate and discussion



Does your family have a connection to the Windrush era? How so? See if you can take an oral history from anyone who can remember the time by asking interesting interview questions. #

'People moving to the UK now would experience less racism than those who moved during the Windrush era' - Do you agree? Why / why not?

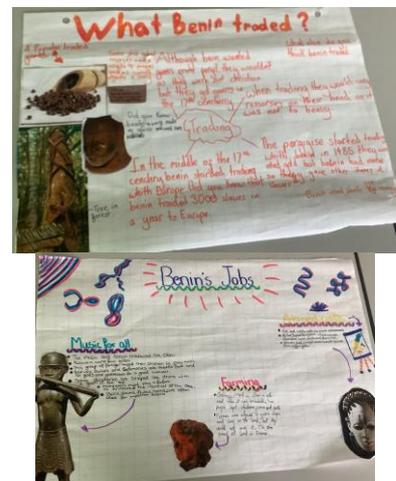
YEAR 6

	Friday 25th March 2022		Friday 1st April 2022	
	Jahzara	Eleanor	Tiger	Tiamee

	Friday 25th March 2022		Friday 1st April 2022	
	A: 94.1%	P: 98.9%	A: 91.3%	P: 96.2%

Curriculum Update

Year 6 have been learning about the Kingdom of Benin. Recently, they were focussing on the everyday lives of the people that lived in this vast and impressive kingdom and were able to put both their research and presentation skills to the test. In small groups they all researched a different aspect of life in Benin and then became the teachers through presenting and teaching their peers about what they had learnt.



Summer 1

Summer is a very important term for Year 6 and there will be a big focus not only on their upcoming SAT examinations, which will take place the week beginning the 9th May, but also on transition and preparing them for secondary school.

In school we will be doing lots of revision to ensure that they will be confident and secure for their assessments and doing small chunks of revision at home will be vital in supporting this. We will also be doing a lot of work PSHE work around transitions and what they are most looking forward to about moving to their new schools.



Starting Secondary School

Home learning debate and discussion



1. Is technology making our life better?
2. Is Youtube a good thing or a bad thing?